

Right Guide

This column is designed to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to Right Guide, 1031 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

The biggest rush in the history of Southern California schools will take place this fall. About 150,000 veterans living in this part of the state have applied for and received their eligibility certificates under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill). Of this number approximately 50,000 are now taking on-the-job training or are registered in approved schools.

This means there are about 100,000 who, by applying for certificates, have indicated intentions of taking some form of training under the Act. Some 12 1/2 percent, judging from present ratios, will find on-the-job training; about 10 percent will never use their certificates; another six or seven percent will register for extension and correspondence courses; the rest, or approximately 70,000, plan to go to school sometime, some place.

A few less than 20,000 of the 50,000 interrupted their schedule for summer vacation, but plan to reenter school again this fall.

This all adds up to the biggest work load in the history of the Veterans Administration.

Procedures guaranteed and streamlined. Personnel will be added, overtime shifts set up and everything possible is being done to meet the oncoming demand.

The veteran himself can help "get the job done."

First: Veterans can help by keeping the VA up to date on their correct mailing address. This is extremely important. Government checks cannot be forwarded. Forwarding other official mail causes delays. Send changes of address to: Veterans Administration, Communication and Records section, 1380 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California. Be sure to give old and new address, C-Number, and mark the outside of the envelope, "Change of Address."

Second: "Is that letter necessary?" Hundreds of valuable work hours are spent each week answering veterans' letters. Many of these letters are necessary and important, many are not. With ceilings placed on the number of employees by regulations, hours required to answer the mail could be used to process claims, set up files for trainee veterans, issue subsistence checks and render other important services.

Third: Veterans should understand procedures which must be completed before they receive subsistence checks. (1) The veteran must officially enter (or reenter) training. (2) The school or employer must endorse his eligibility certificate and return it to the VA. This endorsement must give data about course and studies the veteran is taking. (3) When the VA receives the endorsed certificate it sets up the veteran's files and places his name on the payroll.

Schools and the VA are bending every effort to handle the coming work load quickly and well. Experience gained during the past year will help considerably. Veterans may be assured everything is being done to avoid delays in subsistence checks.

C. H. Mydland To Address S. Bay Republican Group

Taking as his subject, "The Future of the Republican Party," C. Harvey Mydland, formerly on the staff of the Republican National Committee, will talk to the members of the South Bay Club of Republican Women at a noon luncheon, Friday, Sept. 13, at Iron's Cottage by the Sea, Redondo Beach.

This will be the first meeting of the season for the club members and will be followed by other gatherings as the campaign advances. The club membership comes from El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Palos Verdes.

Mydland is a member of the State Central Committee and past executive secretary of the California State Assembly.

LEFT IS RIGHT

When is right wrong? When you are walking on the highway, says the National Safety Council, always walk on the left-hand side of the road, so you can see approaching cars and get out of their way.



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